

New U.S. Application
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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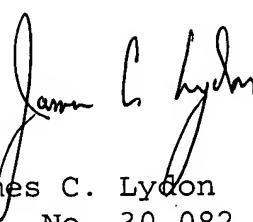
This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-13, adds new claims 14-30 and presents a new abstract. New claims 14-30 correspond to the original claims, but do not contain multiple dependencies or drawing reference numerals. The new abstract is based on the PCT abstract. Claims 14-30 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Prompt and favorable examination of this application is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Substitute Abstract
Information Disclosure Statement